

# Inspection of Carnarvon One Mile Jetty needed to determine extent of cyclone Seroja damage

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Tropical Cyclone Seroja is leaving a trail of destruction. Bill Kent's drone vision of the damage to the Carnarvon One Mile Jetty Credit: Bill Kent/Facebook

The fate of Carnarvon's One Mile Jetty remains uncertain after cyclone Seroja tore apart the 124-year-old landmark.

Vision and photos posted to social media revealed the extent of the damage after last week's storm, with top planks and pylons destroyed and large sections of the jetty washed away.

The 1493m structure was closed to the public in late 2017 when its structural integrity was deemed unsafe.

Its final closure came after a 1998 community campaign saved the landmark from demolition after falling into disrepair and surviving a 2007 deliberately lit fire.

In January, the State Government committed \$4.5million in funding towards repairing the jetty and North West Central MP Vince Catania said a funding application was also being considered by the Federal Government.

"We have got an application with the Federal Government for \$9 million on top of the \$4.5 we have got from the State to try and rebuild the jetty," he said.

"I think that there will be enough to rebuild a jetty that will withstand the next 50 years or 100 years."

Mr Catania said public consultation would occur to determine what the rebuilt jetty would look like.

A Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage spokesperson said an inspection of the jetty was yet to occur.

“Following the devastation of cyclone Seroja, an inspection of the structure will be undertaken to determine the extent of damage and options for repair and restoration,” the spokesperson said.

“A hydro survey will need to be undertaken before debris clearing can commence.

“The Department of Transport is assisting the Shire with the clean-up.”

The spokesperson said the State Government continues to support the Shire of Carnarvon and the Carnarvon Heritage Group in its application for Commonwealth funding for the jetty.

Constructed in the late 1800s, the jetty and tramway are registered on the State Register of Heritage Places and represent early port and ship facilities for wool and livestock exports, jetty design and construction techniques.